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Machu Picchu, Peru – Huayna Picchu

In 2005 and 2009, researchers from CAST used the Optech ILRIS-3D laser scanner to scan the ancient ruins of Machu Picchu in Peru. To read more about the survey, please visit the section on [Machu Picchu Project Details](#).

Several data sets from the Machu Picchu survey are available here as point clouds in the Polyworks PWK format (as IMInspect projects) or .obj polygonal mesh.

For PWK formats, we recommend using the free [Polyworks IMView](#) data viewer and for .obj polygonal mesh, we recommend [Rapidform EXPLORER](#).



To open a PWZIP file – click on the .pwzip link below and **save** the file; if you are using Mozilla Firefox, right click on the link and save the file. Open IMView, left click on “File” at the top of the screen. Select “Open project”, then “Add Workspace” and browse to the .pwzip’s saved location. Next, choose a local location to extract the files. The files will unzip and the project will appear in IMView’s workspace file structure. Left click on the project and open.



[MP_huayna_picchu.pwzip](#) (117 mb)

Collected 2005

Huayna Picchu is the large peak directly to the north of Machu Picchu (commonly seen in most photos of Machu Picchu). *MP_huayna_picchu.pwzip* consists of a single scan of the ruins atop of Huayna Picchu. This scan was acquired from a distance of over 500 meters away and took approximately two hours to complete. The scan was acquired at a 3 cm resolution and contains 5 million data points.

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